



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5497

February Session, 2014



AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN I-BEST PROGRAM ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "integrated basic education and skills training programming"
3 means a program based on the Integrated Basic Education and Skills
4 Training Program, I-BEST, that fosters students' literacy and work
5 skills by pairing two instructors in the classroom, one to teach
6 professional and technical content and the other to teach basic skills in
7 reading, mathematics, writing or English language, to enable students
8 to move through school and into living-wage jobs faster by learning
9 basic skills in real-world scenarios offered by the job-training portion
10 of the curriculum and earning the necessary credentials for such jobs.

11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, the Labor Department, in
12 collaboration with the Department of Social Services, the state
13 Department of Education and regional workforce development boards
14 established pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes, shall,
15 within available appropriations, expand the integrated basic education
16 and skills training programming implemented pursuant to section 17b-
17 112k of the general statutes, on a regional basis to other areas of this
18 state with a high population density of persons who are receiving
19 benefits under the temporary family assistance program and

20 participating in the Jobs First employment services program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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